

NOTES OF THE SCHOOL AND ITS ALUMNAE

INKLINGS

THE Babe Ruth Ice Cream Baseball is at this particular minute occupying the center of attention on the Normal School campus. With us it is a harbinger of spring. A year ago the Imperial Alaska caught the fancy of us all; and perhaps a year before that it was a somewhat similar delectation that went by the name of Eskimo Pie.

At any rate, the sale of ice cream, in whatever form and however camouflaged, is a time honored method of announcing the permanent arrival of spring on the Harrisonburg campus—provided it is sold from the "stand" at the corner of Jackson Hall.

But there are other evidences of spring. The abundant planting of jonquils to line the walks is now beginning to produce results and, in addition, Mr. Chappellear's men on the grounds are setting shrubberies, transplanting trees, resetting sod.—Each spring brings the Harrisonburg campus one lap nearer to its standard of perfection.

The beginning of the spring quarter always ushers in new officers for student government and for the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday night, April 3, Sallie Loving was inaugurated president of the Student Government Association with Clotilde Rodas as vice-president and Florence Shelton secretary. The faculty was present, appearing in academic procession; President Duke made the principal talk of the occasion and congratulated the student body on the fine spirit of cooperation that had prevailed under the administration of Grace Heyl, retiring president of Student Government.

The evening of Thursday, April 12, new officers of the Y. W. C. A. were installed. Rev. Dr. B. F. Wilson, of the Harrisonburg Presbyterian Church, was the principal speaker. The ceremony of flowers was employed, giving added dignity to the occasion. New officers are: Barbara Schwartz, president; Virginia Campbell, vice-president; Shirley McKinney, secretary; Celia Swecker, treasurer; and Susie Geoghegan, undergraduate representative.

"Monsieur Beaucaire," the Booth Tarkington play presented by the Stratford Dramatic Club, was a complete success, financially as well as artistically. Presented at the New Virginia Theater, Harrisonburg, the night of April 6, the play drew not only the entire student body of the Normal School but a great many town people as well. Grace Heyl was a courtly Beaucaire; Margaret Moore was a likewise charming Lady Mary Carlyle.—Indeed, all the characters were well represented and the play showed throughout the painstaking direction of Miss Ruth Hudson, dramatic coach. Striking light effects were obtained by the use of various colors thrown on a setting of rose color curtains.—The play had a most cordial reception and was, in the opinion of many, even more effectively presented than last year's play, "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife".

Much satisfaction followed the announcement of President Duke the other day that a series of entertainments had been agreed upon for next year. There will be seven numbers, including several nationally known persons. Judge Ben Lindsey, famous juvenile court judge of Denver, Colorado, will be one of the speakers; and Edgar A. Guest, newspaper poet of Detroit, is another prominently known person to appear here. Charles Wakefield Cadman, composer of "From the Land of the Skyblue Waters"; Carveth Wells, a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and famous explorer of Malay; Mary Potter, a popular contralto, and a native of Virginia; and the Russian Cathedral Sextet,—these are four other numbers to be presented.—In addition to this very attractive program, Mr. Duke has arranged to engage, in connection with the Harrisonburg Music Lovers Club, a well known star of the calibre of Anna Case or Marie Rappold or Salvi, all of whom the Music Lovers Club has brought to Harrisonburg in recent years.

Speaking of the Harrisonburg Music Lovers Club recalls the attractive program presented April 10 in the Harrisonburg High School auditorium. It was called "Student's Night" and the various numbers were given by students of Harrisonburg music teachers. Normal School students appearing on the program were Nancy Mosher, Lucy James, Elizabeth Buchanan, Annabel Dodson, Anice Adams, Margaret Gill, Emma Dold, and

Mary Lees Hardy.—But we have had more music. Helen McHardy Walker, a piano pupil of Miss Edna Shaeffer, gave a delightful recital the evening of April 2. Lucy James assisted with vocal numbers. There was still another attractive recital the evening of March 23. The program included such numbers as Chopin's "Valse in E Minor" and Denne's "Chase of the Butterflies". Those on the program were Mildred Loewner, Thelma Eberhart, Susie Geoghegan, Anora Ivey, Sidney Artz, Mary Moore Aldhizer, Mary Lacy, Sybil Harmon, Jean Gose, Ruth Kirkpatrick, Mary Stuart Hutcheson, Louise Ramsburg, Mae Joyce, Lucy James, Katherine Reaguer, and Sallie Cooper.

What became of the printer's copy of the honor list for the first quarter is a mystery. Apparently the printer's devil absconded with it. At any rate it has never been published, and so is presented herewith along with the honor list of the second quarter, which has just been announced by Dr. H. A. Converse, Registrar.

First Quarter 1922-23.—All A's: Lila Lee Ridell. As near A as B: Annabel Dodson, Sallie Scales, Louise Elliott, Audrey C. Chewning, Ethel J. Reid, Mrs. Mary F. Smith, Elizabeth Rolston, Carolyn Wine, Mary A. Lacy.

Second Quarter 1922-23.—*Magna cum Laude:* Audrey C. Chewning, Lila L. Ridell. *Cum lude:* Clara M. Aumack, Marjorie Bullard, Catherine Byrd, Emma Dold, Thelma Eberhart, Louise Houston, Euphemia Lawrence, Margaret Ritchie, Mrs. Mary F. Smith, Elizabeth Sparrow, and Rebekkah Stephenson.

ALUMNAE NOTES

Annie Rives Byrd was married February 28 to Mr. Daniel Willard Sparklin at Norfolk. They will be at home in Federalsburg, Md.

Janie Werner is teaching in Charlottesville. She likes the classic city and it is also evident that the people of Charlottesville like her; for she has been there for a number of sessions.

Virginia Eppes writes: "You don't know how very, very much I love my Alma Mater and the teachers I had while there."

Virginia is making a name for herself. In the April issue of the *Journal of Educational Method* is an article from her pen on "Project Work in Geography for the Third Grade," based on a study of Petersburg.

Ruby Felts was one of the members of last year's graduating class who took advantage of Easter holidays to come back to Blue Stone Hill for a few days.

Bernice Gay and Winifred Banks also came with the Eastertide. They are teaching in the "Seaside City," and are happy in their work. Their sojourn with us was much enjoyed.

Janet Farrar likes her work in the city of Cleveland, Ohio. At Easter she came home to Clifton Forge for a visit and then came on down to Harrisonburg with Mamie Omohundro when the latter returned to her work here. Janet is enthusiastic over the approaching reunion of the class of 1913 in June, but is not certain that she can be here at that time. Her school session in Cleveland does not close till about the middle of the month.

Mary Davis is also teaching in Cleveland—and making her mark there, of course.

Una Lewis was another one of our girls who remembered us at Easter in the very best way possible. Her visit was all too short, and she carried part of her sunshine back to Richmond with her.

Anna Allen gives us the following names and addresses:

Anna Cameron, 3000 West Avenue. Newport News.

Maude Evans, 314 Washington Street, Hampton.

Mary Hess, Armistead Avenue, Hampton.

Writing under date of March 25, Anna Allen says:

"Today we had passes to go on the *Leviathan*—4000 others had too—and there we saw Sallie Brown, Rowena Lacy, Ruth Rodes, Anna Cameron, and Geneva Moore.

"The ship is just as wonderful as reported, but isn't nearly finished yet. Very little of the furniture is in place, and the main dining hall is occupied by painters' ladders."

Gladys and Marguerite Goodman are teaching in Winchester, and they decided that

the Easter holidays afforded them a good chance to visit Harrisonburg. All their friends here were delighted to see them. All we can say now is, "Come again."

Helen Heyl was one of the delegates from Albemarle county to the recent teachers' meeting held at the Normal School. She filled her place on the program of the meeting with her usual charm and efficiency.

Miss Lancaster and Margaret Ritchie paid a visit to Farmville several days ago, and were there most hospitably entertained. They have not yet ceased talking of the good time they had. At Farmville they found four of our girls, Katherine Kemp, Nellie Davies, Katherine Harper, and Lucy Farrar, pursuing the advanced courses of study to which our sister institution devotes special attention. Lucy Farrar is president of the Y. W. C. A. at Farmville.

On April 4 Florence Keezell was married to Mr. James F. Simms, and is now at home at Etlan, Va.

At the same educational conference Rosa Heidelberg, who is teaching at Bridgewater, made a fine address on the teaching and demonstrating of domestic science. We all remember that Rosa can sing and make music of various kinds, and it seems altogether fitting that she should be an effective platform speaker.

Dorothy Williams also came up from Winchester recently to pay Alma Mater a visit. We have to wonder how the Glee Club gets along without her and Rosa Heidelberg—and Ruth Witt. Ruth paid us a visit not long ago. She is not teaching this session. Is there any special significance in this, we wonder?

Gladys Didawick spent the week-end here not long ago. She came up from Winchester where she is teaching—and enjoying life. We believe that joy in one's work is a vital factor in success.

A number of our girls were here last month at the district educational conference, and we regret that a complete list of names and address cannot be given. They were all cordially welcome. We trust that they all enjoyed the stay here and that they will return frequently.

Don't forget, Class of 1913 and Class of 1918, this is your reunion year! We hope most earnestly that you will return in full force. Your presence here will make us happy, and we trust that you may experience the same measure of joy that your coming will give us.

May Davis, '20, is teaching fifty of the "peppiest" children in the world in War, West Virginia. She says the town isn't as terrible as it sounds. Teachers of language will be interested in this: "Before Christmas the fourth grade corresponded with the fourth grade which Louise Harwell, '20, teaches in Norfolk. You have never seen such enthusiasm in all your life. It was also interesting for us. And just before the holidays these same Norfolk children surprised us with a wonderful Christmas box—clothes, shoes, books, and all kinds of toys.

With the aid of the minister's wife we distributed these things among the poor children of the camp, with the exception of the story books, which we kept in our school room so that every one may enjoy using them."

From Elizabeth Lam, '17, we hear that she is sending one of her seniors to us next session, and we are not surprised when we read, "I have boosted H. N. S. and everybody concerned to her." Elizabeth never fails to remember substantially the work of the Harrisonburg Y. W. C. A.

Sao Sebastiao do Paraíso,
Minas, Brazil,
February 8, 1923.

Dear Friends:—

When the New Year comes, everything pertaining to Christmas seems out of date but I wonder if you will let me tell you about our Christmas in Paradise?

Being in our own home, having real American guests, receiving U. S. A. mail on Christmas morning and a Victrola that sings "Dixie", "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginia", etc., made this particular Christmas Day seem almost like many others we remember in the good old Homeland. But there were many other things to bring us to BRAZILIAN EARTH—for instance the warm tropical sunshine that streamed in our windows early on Christmas morning and shone all through the day like a July sun at HOME, and the

end of the day when in the little Protestant church, a beautiful program was given, all in a foreign tongue. But don't you think because it was not in English that one bit of the Christmas spirit was missing or that the trees sparkling with its candles and tinsel did not thrill every little boy's and girl's heart as much as ever did a tree thrill the hearts of boys and girls in the land of sleigh-bells and snow.

You may say that we are a year behind time when I tell you we gave the same Christmas program that the Sunday Schools in the U. S. A. gave last Christmas, but I would only answer by saying if we always manage to keep just one year behind you, we will feel very up-to-date. Although the pageant, "The Days Come", had to be translated and adapted to Brazil, the spirit of life-service struck home for on the same night of the program the young man who took the part of "Watchman" made his public profession of faith and was received into the church.

There were times in the month of December when every evening was spent in practicing for this program when I felt desperate. I used to think getting up programs in English were the most trying experiences of life but oh! how easy they seem compared with training foreigners in a "Furrin" tongue! But to see an elaborate program given without a hitch and to have part in making so many people radiantly happy far outweighed any trying times that may have been mine in accomplishing this. When we went to our beds on Christmas night it was with the feeling that it was really the end of a perfect day.

And it was our guests who had a large part in making it perfect. Everybody knows "Aunt Lotty", bless her dear 85 years old heart that is so young. Through her determination and the kindness of Miss Tannehill they came all the way from Lavras to be with us. But when "Aunt Lotty" arrived after three days' journey, and stopping over in miserable hotels and even being delayed by a wreck, she looked as fresh and rested as if she had done nothing out of the ordinary. Not only is "Aunt Lotty's" physical condition unusual but her mind and heart are more so. She speaks of John Huss, Melancthon, Wycliffe as if they were her close friends, and she often put me to shame by quoting the Latin and Greek writers that I have studied and forgotten all about. But the most beautiful side of "Aunt Lotty" it is impossible to de-

scribe; her unselfish, never-tiring interest in people around her and an unprejudiced, kindly attitude even towards those whose views differ radically from hers, and her ever-readiness to witness for the Master whom she has so faithfully served all these long years. It was not only a benediction to us to have her for two weeks in our home but it was likewise an inspiration to all who met her. She addressed two of the organizations, the Girls' Club and the Women's Society, and delighted everyone by attending the midnight Watch Service.

Miss Tannehill, instead of being 85 years old and having over 40 years of service in Brazil behind her, is a brand new missionary with interest in life and a deep consecration that has brought her to this land where she hopes to serve her Master that long. In the providence of God she will do a great work in Brazil with her gift for teaching and her big kind heart. At present, she is a great consolation to me for she, too, finds Portuguese a terrible obstacle to overcome before she can enter fully into the work.

December was really an American month for us for early in the month Dr. and Mrs. Porter and Jean Porter spent 10 days with us, and they, too, were very happy days. Just now we are looking forward to a visit from the Sydenstrickers from Lavras and in March the Mission meeting will be held here so there are many Americans coming and going to Paradise, even if only two live here all the time.

I am being rapidly Brazilianized, according to the things I was told were signs of this when I arrived and which accomplishments I never expected to acquire—the drinking of the national beverage, cafe, and dreaming and praying in Portuguese. Recently I have found myself doing all three almost like a native!

But I evidently have not become thoroughly Brazilian as to looks for I am constantly stared at in wonder. Recently I went with Mr. Lane on an evangelistic trip and I was amused as he was buying tickets and I was standing in the gateway that the incoming passengers as they filed by did not file but stopped stock still and stared. I thought of Goldsmith's lines which might be paraphrased, "They came to stay but stopped to stare." All along the journey at the stations people would look in the window at me and say, "Look at that strange woman".

On this particular trip Mr. Lane performed the first Protestant wedding ever held in that city. It was a great event and much talked of. For the first time the people saw a wedding ceremony "without money and without price"—a strange sight in a land where all the services of religion are rendered only on the receipt of a stated price. No money, no marriage, no anything! While in that city he also held services in the picture show and I played the tin-pan-y piano—my first appearance on the movie platform although I am constantly being taken for a movie actress. Out here the ministers snatch every opportunity to preach the Gospel, often at such gatherings as funerals, weddings, a Christmas meeting and even a Watch Night service.

Next week is the time of revelling known as Carnival throughout Brazil, three days of dissipation before the nation puts on sack-cloth and ashes for Lent. There will be processions and bombs and bands and confetti and everything that goes with a low class carnival, while our faithful crentes will meet each day for prayer. How the zeal and the seriousness of these Christians make us ashamed!

Recently Mr. Lane had a birthday and some of the young people found out about it and formed a line and marched through the streets to our home delivering a beautiful offering of flowers and a flowery speech to him. When my cook saw the line approaching, she came in very excited and said, "There's a great PROCESSION coming for Doctor Lane". So you see even the Protestant minister has processions in this land of processions.

He spends most of his time forming a procession of one and going to the outstations in his field—he is a regular circuit rider from Paradise!

My Primary Department is constantly growing and is increasingly interesting. Just now I am very happily teaching Matthew to a class of 20 girls, my first Bible class in Portuguese. I am living over again the happy Training School days, when I was the pupil of Dr. Turnbull the teacher, but I fear he would feel that he had taught me little were he to hear the brevity of my lessons. As one of my English pupils said, "My Portuguese no let me talk more." It is a revelation to the girls to study a book as a whole and a joy to me to be able to make a beginning.

Thank you every one for remembering us at Christmas with letters and other things. This little rhyme I like,

"The world is full of friendships true
And full of ways to show it.
Some good friends just think of you
While others let you now it".

All of our friends belong to the latter class and we are very grateful for their love and friendship. May 1923 bring you all the joy I am wishing you and then it will be a Happy New Year.

Your missionary friend,

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